

# ILLINOIS WEATHER & CROPS



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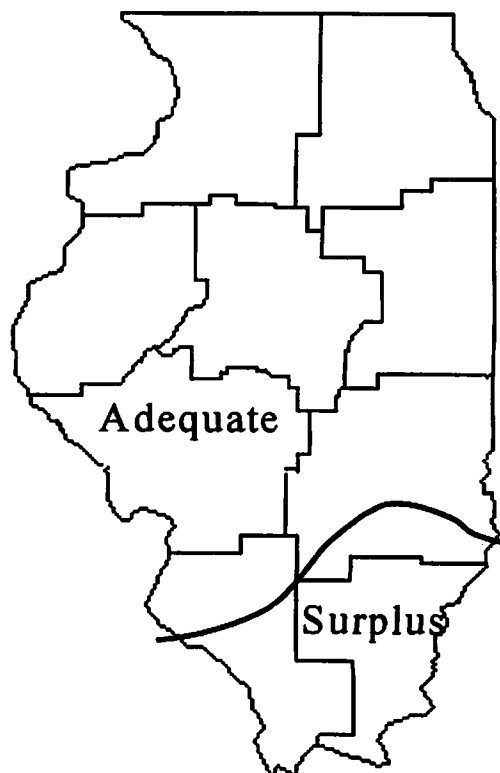
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Illinois farmers made good planting progress last week with farmers in the northern two thirds of the state focusing on soybean planting. By May 11, 86 percent of the corn crop and 35 percent of the soybean crop had been planted. Farmers in the West Southwest District planted 33 percent of their soybean crop last week, but virtually no soybeans were planted in the Southeast as farmers there struggled to plant just seven percent of their corn crop. Just as soils dried enough to plant, another storm would rain farmers out in the Southeast. Emergence of corn has been slow. Three to four weeks germination was quite common with emerged plants being yellowish in color. Dry soils have prevented any large emergence problems so far, but growth of all crops has been slow because of the continued cool weather. There was an average of 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork statewide last week ranging from a low of less than two and one half in the Southeast to over five in the West Southwest. Other activities for the week included ground preparation, chemical application, and spreading manure and fertilizer. Topsoil moisture was rated five percent short, 76 percent adequate and 19 percent surplus.

## Crop Progress

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Crop Stage	: 1997	: 1996	: 5-Year Average
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May 11			
<b>CORN:</b>			
Planted	86	52	48
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>			
Planted	35	4	12
<b>SORGHUM:</b>			
Planted	4	0	3
<b>WINTER WHEAT:</b>			
Headed	9	2	17
Filled	1/	0	1
<b>OATS:</b>			
Headed	7	7	2
<b>ALFALFA HAY:</b>			
First cutting:	1	0	2
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1/ Less than one percent.

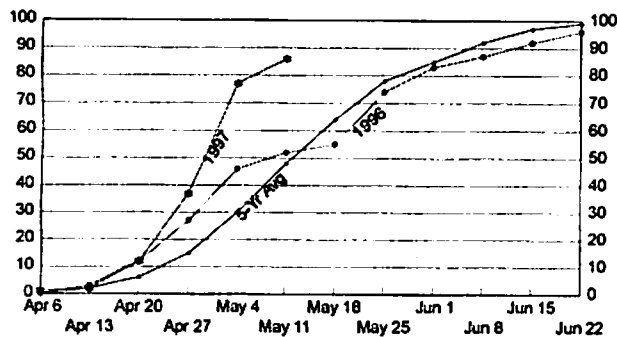


**Topsoil Moisture  
May 9**

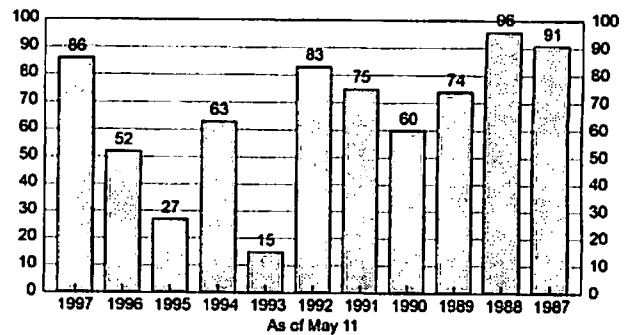
# Crop Conditions

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	2	3	21	63	11
Oats	-	-	24	66	10
Alfalfa	-	2	28	62	8
Red Clover	2	2	15	69	12
Pasture	1	3	31	57	8

Corn - Percent Planted  
Illinois



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## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

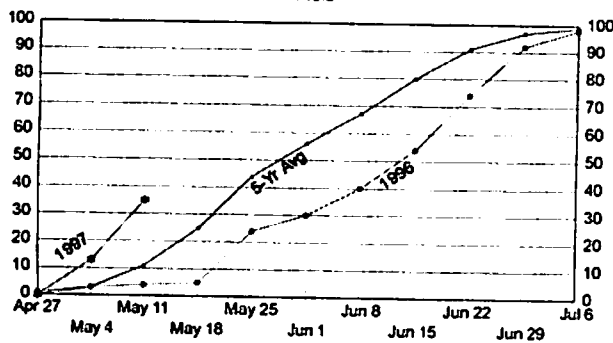
District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture
		Very Short : Short : Adequate : Surplus
	May 3 - 9	May 9
Northwest	3.7	6 82 12
Northeast	4.4	2 94 4
West	4.7	8 87 5
Central	4.6	12 86 2
East	3.0	- 87 13
W Southwest	5.1	10 90 -
E Southeast	3.8	2 69 29
Southwest	4.6	4 68 28
Southeast	2.4	- 19 81
State	4.1	5 76 19

### Crop Progress by District

:		Corn Acreage	:	Soybean Acreage
District	:	Percent	:	Percent
	:	Planted	:	Planted
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	:	May 11		
Northwest	:	89		51
Northeast	:	89		25
West	:	90		39
Central	:	98		51
East	:	99		42
W Southwest	:	95		52
E Southeast	:	76		22
Southwest	:	63		5
Southeast	:	22		1
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State	:	86		35
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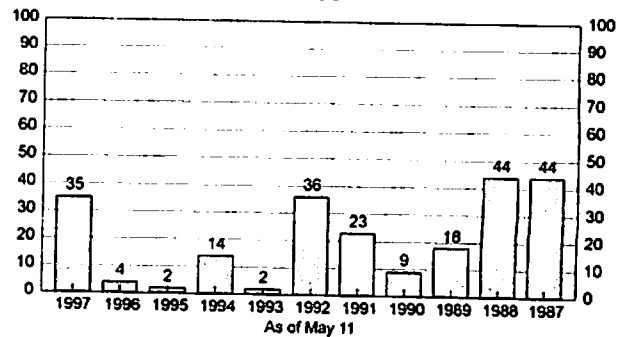
**Soybeans - Percent Planted**

Illinois



**Soybeans - Percent Planted**

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### Temperature and Precipitation

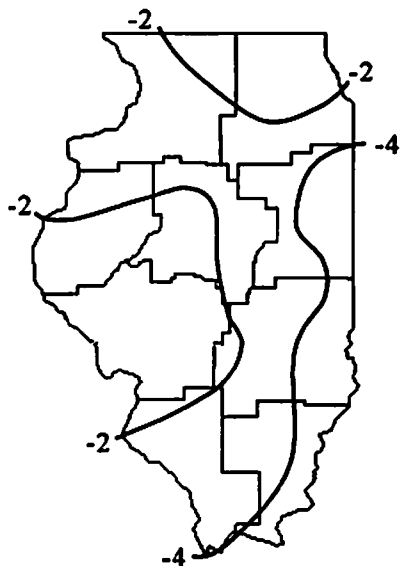
District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average			Total		
	Normal	Departure		Normal	Departure	
May 5 - 11						
Northwest	55.2	58.4	-3.1	1.13	.94	.19
Northeast	55.4	57.1	-1.8	.76	.94	-.18
West	59.0	60.7	-1.7	.60	1.07	-.47
Central	58.0	60.0	-2.0	.49	1.07	-.58
East	55.8	59.6	-3.8	.34	1.05	-.72
W Southwest	60.6	61.8	-1.1	.36	1.18	-.82
E Southeast	58.5	61.8	-3.3	.52	1.15	-.63
Southwest	60.8	63.3	-2.5	.50	1.15	-.66
Southeast	59.3	63.5	-4.2	.54	1.22	-.68
State	58.0	60.6	-2.6	.59	1.08	-.49

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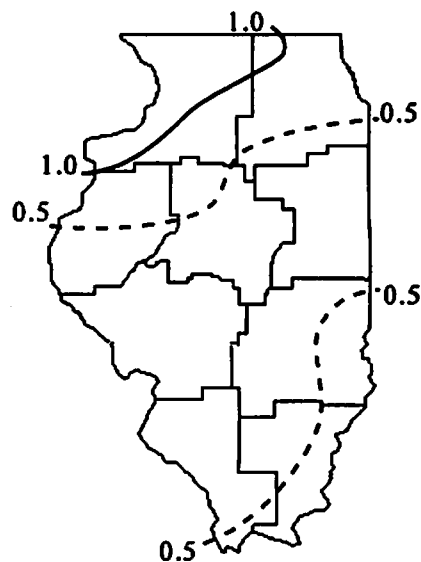
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Temperature Departure  
May 5-11



Precipitation Total  
May 5-11

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